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TO AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

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SUBJ: PEACE CORPS

1. SUMMARY: DUE TO CURRENT BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, THE PEACE CORPS HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND ITS ACTIVITIES IN URUGUAY BY OCTOBER 1, 1973. THE DEPT. WISHES TO AVOID GIVING GOU THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS MOVE IS RELATED TO RECENT INTERNAL EVENTS IN URUGUAY. THE PEACE CORPS WISHES TO AVOID TERMINATION OF THE PC AGREEMENT WITH GOU AND REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY DETERMINE A SUITABLE PROCEDURE FOR INFORMING GOU OF DECISION AND SO INFORM.

2. BACKGROUND: PC DIRECTOR DONALD HESS AND PC LA REGIONAL DIRECTOR ALFREDO PEREZ RECENTLY CALLED AT DEPT AND INFORMED ASST. SECRETARY KUBISCH OF PC DECISION TO DISCONTINUE ACTIVITIES IN URUGUAY. THE DECISION WAS BASED ON FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS FOLLOWING VISIT TO URUGUAY IN MAY OF PC LA CHIEF OF OPERATIONS DEJARNETTE. THE DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT PROGRAMATICALLY AND FISCALLY VIABLE OPERATION IN URUGUAY WOULD REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VOLUN-

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TEERS FROM THE CURRENT LEVEL TO AN AVERAGE OF 15 TO WORK

PRIMARILY IN AGRICULTURE. IN VIEW BUDGET CONSTRAINTS OF FISCAL YEAR '74 THE PC DIRECTOR DETERMINED IN LATE JUNE THAT SUFFICIENT MONEY WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY EXPANSION. THE DECISION WAS MADE TO CEASE CURRENT ACTIVITIES.

3. ASST SEC KUBISCH EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PC PROJECT WOULD BE SUSPENDED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID GIVING THE GOU THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS RELATED TO RECENT EVENTS IN URUGUAY. MR. KUBISCH, WHO IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE TERMINATION OF THE PROGRAM, ASKED THE PEACE CORPS TO COORDINATE ITS CLOSING WITH ARA AND THE EMBASSY.

4. THE PC WISHES TO AVOID TERMINATION OF THE PC AGREEMENT WITH GOU, AS IT MAY SOME DAY BE POSSIBLE FOR THE PC TO RETURN TO URUGUAY. DEPT AND PC REQUEST THAT THE EMBASSY, IN CONSULTATION WITH ACTING PC DIRECTOR CASS, DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE FOR INFORMING GOU OF THE PC DECISION TO SUSPEND ACTIVITIES AND DO SO. PC WASHINGTON MAY SEND ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST TO MONTEVIDEO IN LATE AUGUST TO ASSIST IN CLOSING DOWN OF PC OPERATIONS. ROGERS

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